

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3-6, 10-15, 20, and 21 are presently pending in this case. Claims 1, 10, 11, 20, and 21 are amended by the present amendment. As amended Claims 1, 10, 11, 20, and 21 are supported by the original disclosure,¹ no new matter is added.

In the outstanding Official Action, Claims 1, 3-6, 10-15, 20, and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Sie et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,240,359, hereinafter “Sie”) in view of Fuller (U.S. Patent No. 5,818,512) and further in view of Bendinelli et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,792,618, hereinafter “Bendinelli”) and Vasilevsky et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 20050166258, hereinafter “Vasilevsky”).

The outstanding rejection is respectfully traversed.

Amended Claims 1 and 11 recite in part “said stream switching means including means for switching which switches between a television channel and stream data, the first stream data and the second stream data, and a first television channel and a second television channel with a single operation as if switching between two television channels.”

Page 3 of the outstanding Office Action cited Sie as describing “switching means” as previously recited in Claim 1. Sie describes that a user can change between prerecorded programs by accessing a menu. Thus, the user will have to perform multiple operations to change between the prerecorded programs, including at least bringing up the menu, scrolling through the menu, and selecting an item from the menu. In contrast, the claimed invention switches between a television channel and stream data, the first stream data and the second stream data, and a first television channel and a second television channel with ***a single operation*** as if switching between two television channels. Therefore, it is respectfully

¹See, e.g., the specification at paragraphs 82-83 of the publication.

submitted that Sie does not teach or suggest “switching means” as recited in amended Claims 1 and 11. Moreover, it is respectfully submitted that Fuller, Bendinelli, and Vasilevsky do not cure this deficiency of Sie. Consequently, Claims 1 and 11 (and Claims 3-6 and 12-15 dependent therefrom) are patentable over Sie in view of Fuller and further in view of Bendinelli and Vasilevsky.

Amended Claim 10 recites in part “switching between a television channel and stream data, the first stream data and the second stream data, and a first television channel and a second television channel with a single operation as if switching between two television channels.”

As noted above, Sie appears to only describe that a user can change between prerecorded programs by accessing a menu. Accordingly, the user will have to perform multiple operations to change between the prerecorded programs, including at least bringing up the menu, scrolling through the menu, and selecting an item from the menu. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that Sie does not teach or suggest “switching” as recited in amended Claim 10. Moreover, it is respectfully submitted that Fuller, Bendinelli, and Vasilevsky do not cure this deficiency of Sie. Thus, amended Claim 10 is also patentable over Sie in view of Fuller and further in view of Bendinelli and Vasilevsky.

Amended Claims 20 and 21 each recite in part “said stream switching unit including a single switch configured to switch between a television channel and stream data, the first stream data and the second stream data, and a first television channel and a second television channel with a single operation as if switching between two television channels.”

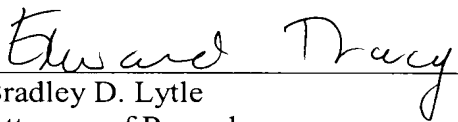
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is respectfully submitted that Sie does not teach or suggest "a stream switching unit" as recited in amended Claims 20 and 21. Moreover, it is respectfully submitted that Fuller, Bendinelli, and Vasilevsky do not cure this deficiency of Sie. Consequently, amended Claims 20 and 21 are patentable over Sie, Fuller, Bendinelli, and Vasilevsky.

Accordingly, the pending claims are believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

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